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SUBJECT: BALUCHISTAN DEVELOPMENT: IRANIAN PROJECT ASSISTANCE

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1. DURING RECENT TRIP TO BALUCHISTAN DPO SPOKE WITH MIN INDUSTRIES SAIFULLAH KHAN PARACHA CONCERNING HIS RECENT TRIP TO IRAN TO OBTAIN FURTHER IRANIAN ASSISTANCE AS OUTLINED REFTELS. PARACHA POINTED OUT IRANIANS HAD ALREADY PROMISED ASSISTANCE FOR SPINTANGI CEMENT PLANT AND TEXTILE MILLS AT QUETTA AND UTHAL SOME MONTHS EARLIXF AND THAT ONLY NEW ASSISTANCE WHICH HE HAD OBTAINED THROUGH LATEST TRIP TO TEHRAN WAS THE RS. 7 CRORES FOR MEDICAL COLLEGE AT QUETTA AND ENGINEERING COLLEGE AT KHUZDAR. ALTHOUGH PARACHA GAVE NO DETAILED TIMETABLE CONCERNING PROJECTS, HE EMPHASIZED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IRANIANS HAD THE MONEY AND WANTED PROJECTS COMPLETED AS

SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE ESTIMATED SPINTANGI CEMENT PLANT MIGHT BE FINISHED IN THREE YEARS, THAT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE TEXTILE PLANT AT QUETTA HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT WORK ON PLANT WOULD START "SOON".

2. WHILE INTERESTED IN PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS AS MINISTER INDUSTRIES, PARACHA CONFIDED HE WAS CONVINCED THAT MAIN LINE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN BALUCHISTAN LAY IN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES. HIS GREATEST ENTHUSIASM RESERVED FOR UPGRADING SHEEP AND GOAT HERDS THROUGH ARTICIAL INSEMINATION, USE OF INCREASING TUBEWELL WATER RESOURCES FOR PRODUCTION OF HIGH VALUE FRUIT CROPS SUCH AS APPLES AND FOR CREATION OF MODEST FISH HARBORS AND ALLIED COLD STORAGE PLANTS ALONG MAKRAN COAST. TIGER

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